

BLAME CAPT. SUMNER

The Injuries to Cruiser Columbi

**He Testifies in His Own Behalf
the Court-Martial.**

Declares He Did the Best Und

The second session of the naval court martial to inquire into charges of inefficiency and neglect of duty against Capt. George W. Sumner, of the cruise Columbia, began at 10 o'clock this morning in the assembly-room in building 7 Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Herbert L. Draper, Judge-Advocate, was busily arranging the specifications against Capt. Sumner.

Lieut. J. M. Helm, of the Newport Torpedo Station and formerly of the cruiser Columbia, was called.

"Oh, that," answered Lieut. Helm, "that's aCpt. Sumner."

Lieut. Helm said he examined the dry dock on the day following the docking of Columbia, and reported it was unsafe. It was apparent, he said, that the great strain buckled the frames. He thought even after blocks had been put under the unsupported portions

On cross-examination by Lieut.-Commander Marx, Lieut. Helm said blight blocks were not used at Southampton. Early on the morning of the 9th of July he examined the Columbia's bottom. No additional damage was visible to the naked eye, but carpenter's measurements showed the dents in the bottom had deepened more than one-eight

The Judge Advocate wanted to allow Helm to revise his evidence and return at once to Newport. Several members of the Court objected, saying Mr. Helm had a serious duty to perform here.

nothing was done to ease the strain while the ship was in dock.

Assistant Naval Constructor Horatio G. Gilmore said the cost of repairing the Columbia after she returned from Europe was about \$2,652, exclusive of painting.

Court then took a recess until 1 o'clock P. M.

Passed Assistant Engineer M. Revington, of the Columbia. M.

The prosecution closed with the testimony of Mr. Bevington.

He said the docks of the London and Southwestern Company were the only ones large enough to receive the Columbia. On July 5 he went with his paymaster to the docking company's office and made all arrangements for entering the dock the following Monday. He gave the Docking Master, Capt. Lewis, the docking plan of the Columbia, and

On Monday evening, when the straining was reported to him, he continued he sent Lieut. Helm and several other officers to examine the ship's bottom. He went on a similar mission, and no

The captain then described in detail the plan of the dock and the mode of docking the Columbia. On the following day in the middle of the afternoon, he noticed that the ship was straining more and more, and ordered the dock to be flooded. This operation was completed

Considering the charge of neglect of duty based on the fact that the bill for docking was paid by Capt. Sumner when he should have laid a claim against the Docking Company for damages, Capt. Sumner said:

"Although my ship sustained some damage, I thought the most dignified thing I could do was to pay the bill before leaving England. It is always the custom of American ships to settle debts

On cross-examination the captain said he had been assured by the manager of the dry dock company that the Greek vessel that preceded the Columbia in the dry dock, was built on the same principle as the Columbia.

Colored Republicans Name a Can

Colored organization of the Twenty-third Assembly District, last evening their hall, at 17 Eighth avenue, was crowded. R. D. Galloway was elected Chairman. He appointed the following to place a candidate in nomination: R. F. McIntyre, A. R. Hobbs, T. Sears, W. H. Scroggins, D. Tupe, Alex. Green, J. W. Randolph, G. R. Dennis and J. L. Robinson. The Committee

\$1,700,000 in Gold Goes Out.
The Augusta Victoria, which left for Hamburg via Southampton, to-day, carried away \$1,700,000 in gold and \$168,000 in silver.

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